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Thought for the Day

What flower is this that greets the morn, Its hues from heaven so freshly born? With burning star and flaming band It kindles all its sunset land.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The Stars and Stripes forever! Overtime vigilance work is the price of safety.

In case of doubt, summon a physician or hasten to a hospital.

New Mr. Weather Man, be a good fellow, and do your best for us.

Shoot firecrackers if you must, but let the other side of the pond monopolize the killing.

It's the one hundred thirty-ninth birthday of Miss Independence, and she is a very young lassie at that.

Still, there is no immediate danger of the dashing "Julia" being held up for breaking a speed record.

The original package of liberty would experience difficulty in recognizing itself in some of these modern strait jackets.

Mr. Bryan has not yet fully explained just why he called off his Chicago speech-making engagement. He will probably tell us about it before long.

Note that the competition for the expected vacancy on the federal bench in this district is confined to democratic aspirants. No action of a non-partisan judiciary there.

Conundrum: If all our Nebraska democratic houses were unable to land a reserve bank in this state, have they a pole-hock long enough to capture the democratic national convention?

With a three days' Fourth of July celebration, there should be no difficulty in keeping up the pitch of enthusiasm a little longer to embrace the date of the visit of the famous Liberty bell.

Whoever caused that explosion in the capitol at Washington must be crazy. The wasting of a good bomb at a time when congress is not in session can be satisfactorily explained in no other way.

Legislative Progress for Women. Regardless of suffrage and non-suffrage states, legislation advancing the welfare of womanhood has received marked attention from state lawmaking bodies during this year.

Mother's pension laws were enacted for the first time in Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wyoming. In eight other states existing pension laws were amplified. Grants to dependent mothers with one child range from \$10 to \$25 a month, with \$5 per month for each additional child under 16 years of age.

Mr. Lord's statement of the case is so pointed and so clear that it requires no emphasis. Just put it down that never before since the dawn of history have the people of any country in the world been kept so well, so promptly, so fully and so fairly informed of all the movements and by-plays of a great war as have the readers of American newspapers during the last year.

Moving Justice Up to Date. Although the law in its administration is reputed to be the most conservative of human institutions, we have a striking example of moving justice up to date in a recent decision of a New York court holding that a steamship company, in this age of wireless, has no right to bury at sea, without the consent of relatives, a passenger who dies after the vessel has left port.

New labor laws in four states establish a fifty-four hour week for women and boys under 16 years in Maine, forbid overtime work to compensate for holidays in Massachusetts, fix an eight-hour day in Wyoming, and a maximum of fifty-two hours a week in Kansas. New Mexico and Wyoming placed the property rights of husband and wife on an equal footing, and Oregon ordained equal pay for equal work of men and women teachers in the public schools of the state.

A battle royal for equal suffrage is scheduled for the coming fall in the big four eastern states—Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, while Iowa, South Dakota and West Virginia will vote on the question next year. A program embracing seven states in two years insures overtime work for the oratorical batteries of the cause.

Independence Day.

No Fourth of July in all the country's records is more significant than the one we greet today as the anniversary of the nation's birth. The day has been signally marked on many occasions, but its present observance will be most notable. It finds the United States at peace, when all the other great powers of the world are at war. Our people are enjoying as they never have before life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The ideals of the Declaration of Independence as yet have not been wholly attained, but they never have been lost sight of, and equally before the law is still assured to all Americans. As the days go by the great republic grows stronger, because of the faith of the people on which it is founded.

Alfalfa and the Megrim.

Here comes a convention of doctors at Chicago, with the startling announcement that a sovereign remedy, a veritable panacea, for the blues has been discovered. No longer need anybody mope in the dumps, the prey to disquieting thoughts, to worry and care. One little dose of a simple will chase the glooms far into the darkness from whence they come, and invite the joys to revel in happy abandon.

The News of the War.

Ever since the outbreak of the war many complaints have been heard charging the newspapers with printing, disseminating, unreliable or one-sided news. Most of these complaints have come from partisans finding the news not exactly to their liking or failing to find in the newspapers appeals or alleged exposures which they would like to see printed to promote the cause of the side with which they sympathize.

I have read constantly and with very great attention the American newspaper presentation of this war—and with supreme pride in that newspaper achievement. Almost every day we hear the sneering remark, "You cannot believe anything the newspapers say about the war."

Strange, is it not, that Mexico should have a Liberty Bell corresponding so closely to our famous old Liberty Bell, which is about to make a trip across the continent, and "drop off in Omaha" on the way? The Mexican Liberty Bell, hanging up close to the eaves of the National palace, is not so easily examined as our own, where it is exhibited in Independence hall in Philadelphia.

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Views, Reviews and Interviews

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PORFIRIO DIAZ, who has just died in exile in Paris, was Mexico's "grand old man." Whatever dark spots there may be on the record of his long rule, what he accomplished for Mexico and the Mexicans will constitute the biggest chapter in the history of that country whenever it is written.

In the celebration of the centennial anniversary of Mexico's first blow for freedom the ceremonies have focused in the starting point by the president of the republic of the self-same bell upon which the curate Hidalgo sounded forth his "Grito de Dolores" just 100 years before. By a peculiar coincidence the birthday of President Diaz also falls upon the eve of this date, affording an opportunity to make the holiday honor the personality of the ruler as well as the idea of self-government which his rule is supposed to typify.

It was our fortune to witness from spectally good vantage ground the principal head-line acts on the centennial program. We were to have an audience from the president and view the historic pageant from the palace. Comparatively little difficulty was encountered in gaining admittance to the building and only the usual waits for our turn for presentation.

All this was but a prelude to the grand historical pageant which was to portray the striking scenes in Mexico's greatest progress. In front of the palace, stretching as far as the eye could reach, was one dense mass of humanity. It would be a rash guess to hazard an estimate—surely not less than 100,000 people—and the efforts of police and soldiers to keep open the space in front of the reviewing windows were in vain.

The evening demonstration found the plaza if anything still more crowded than did the morning pageant. The time to the festival was devoted to band concerts, illuminations and fireworks outside the palace, and to a sort of reception within it. The guests merely promenade up and down the long state chambers, talked in groups or clustered about the windows. It was an official gathering, such a party as may be seen at a diplomatic reception in our own White House, but I believe less brilliant.

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The fire boys outdid themselves in decorating themselves and the hook and ladder wagons. The burlesque Salvation Army in the parade was a base libel on the old Salvationists, for whoever heard of a good old Salvationist drinking beer, and in the street at that?

Four brass bands and a drum corps furnished music for the procession, and the liveries of the city supplied the carriages free of charge. Nathan Rosewater of Cleveland is visiting his brother, Edward Rosewater, for a day or two.

MUSINGS OF A CYNIC.

Some men are cranks and some are self-starters. Lots of girls put on airs, even the air of innocents. It requires a lot of magnetism to get things coming our way.

On the other hand we are also the architects of our own misfortunes. In an argument some people never give in and some never give out. Some men are never neutral. They are either kicking or being kicked.

There are times when the descent of man seems to consist of falling in love. Tell a woman that consistency is a jewel and she will tell you jewelry is vulgar. Love in a cottage is all right if the cottage is so small there is no room for doubt.

Fame is a bubble, but it is just as well to allow some one else to blow yours for you. Some men are such unbelievers that they would actually question the sex of the devil. Strangely enough, there is no similarity between our mansions in the sky and our castles in the air.

The one thing the average girl can't understand about every man is why he doesn't fall in love with her. Many a woman who thinks her face is her fortune doesn't have to carry any burglary insurance. TABLOIDS OF SCIENCE.

Brewers have found that the fermenting power of yeast is increased by brief exposure to ozone. One quart of liquid soap invented by a Dutch chemist, it is asserted, will wash a man's hands 3500 times. Reliable statistics show that of all the timber trees cut in our forests less than half of the available wood material is actually used.

Tests made by an English electrician have shown that it is possible for a single master clock to operate 500 other clocks strung along fifty miles of wire. It has been estimated by a Berlin scientist that the commercial value of the electricity in a flash of lightning lasting one-hundredth of a second is 2 cents.

One of the oldest irrigation ditches known to man has been discovered recently in New Mexico. It is probably between 1,000 and 5,000 years old and lies in a valley near Fort Stanton. By act of congress the standard barrel will contain hereafter 7,056 cubic inches unless the cranberry is the commodity measured. Presumably even barrels pucker up on due provocation.

Each year thousands of bushels of strawberries go to waste because of low prices or some adverse condition. The Department of Agriculture has, therefore, prepared bulletins on the manufacture of berry-by-products which should help in saving this waste. A watch may be used to determine the points of the compass by pointing the hour hand at the sun any time of the day and then placing a small piece of straight wire crosswise between the hour hand and the figure twelve, getting exactly half way. The point of the wire which comes between the twelve and the hour hand always points due south.

AROUND THE CITIES.

Tacoma has installed motor equipment in its fire department and sent the fire horses to grass. Reading, Pa., has a curfew law which requires unescorted young women to scout off the street at 10 p. m. Chicago figures that 200,000 men are involved in the building trades strike. All are not idle. This is the open season for sailing.

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WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

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People and Events

The National Federation of Musicians reports that the American people spend \$60,000,000 annually for music, besides the great variety of chin music turned loose without an orchestra leader. The law is being down hard on Hoosiers these mellow days. An Evansville dad with more nerve than discretion, was fined \$5 and costs for spanking his 16-year-old daughter, who disobeyed parental orders not to go out with her "beau."

While looking at his burning buildings a few months ago, Tom Edison got an idea and developed it into a light to wear on the helmets of firemen, which will enable them to see through smoke. This may be beaten by a device which will prevent spontaneous combustion. Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, has lost its champion pie baker, Sally Knauer, who passed away at 85. It is estimated that in her fifty-eight years of active joy-making, Sally made mankind her debtor to the tune of 1,000,000 pies. If Sally has not received a joy-ride across the Styx the ferryman doesn't know a good receipt on sight.

An extended investigation of the protein and caloric contents of the food pushed over the quick-lunch counters of New York City puts pork and beans at the head of the list. To make assurance doubly sure the "quantity of protein was determined by the method of Kjeldahl and its caloric content was tested by combustion in a Riche bomb-calorimeter." Boston's favorite energy-booster stands up to every test.

The most beautiful man in the world has been found in Boston, and answers to the name of William Alfred Williams. The accusation is qualified by the statement that he hails from Pittsburgh. The difficulty of reconciling the claim and the workplace in their notions of beauty reflected by a mirror. Sixteen years ago in a street in New York City two 4-year-old babies saw each other and became fast friends over their playthings. They went to the same schools and graduated from the high school together. At a luncheon given the graduates a few days ago, the engagement of the pair was announced. Both are 20 and will wed at 22. The age of romance is not wholly lost.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

"Hurrah!" was originally a fighting exclamation and is derived from the Slavonic "Hura!"—"to parade"—the belief being that valiant fighters went straight to heaven if killed. A lightning bolt at Laurel, Del., struck a half-grown chicken and stripped it as clean of feathers as a new-laid egg, leaving the bird none the worse for the experience, except the lack of covering. A Mexican who dwells in Acton, Cal., has been chopping and hauling wood for the last fifty years, and now thinks of retiring from business and giving the young fellows a chance. His age is 112, and he thinks he is entitled to a rest.

Because of the scarcity of chicks in West Africa events are timed by the regular daily occurrences. For example, a native wrote that she had received news of her sister's illness "a little while before the guinea fowls talk;" that is, about 3 o'clock in the morning. A Pittsburgh man has a flock of intelligent chickens which, headed by a lordly rooster, march to meet him every day at the station and escort him home, crowing and cackling their delight. A man who can substantiate such a story as that has no need to weigh the odds of a fishing trip on official business.

From the Christian era till the present time, as statisticians and historians tell us, there have been less than 240 wars years. Up to the middle of the nineteenth century it was roughly computed that nearly 7,000,000 men had died in battle since the beginning of recorded history; a number equal to almost five times the present estimated population of the globe.

North and south alike they glimmer. East and west the same they shine. In the palace and the vineyard. By the palm and by the pine; Where the crowded city clamors. Where the sylvan waters call. To the live oaks in their mosses. There's a gleam of white and red.

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Just one silken, stary standard. Broad and bright enough, behold! For both white and black together To be sheltered in its fold. Just one flag above a people That, united, lead the way To the world's emancipation; And its independence day.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The church folks who were excommunicated at Huntington, W. Va., for refusing to give up dancing and card playing are also now excommunicated. They got the ex-communicating and card playing. Brother Evans told his congregation Sunday that Christians crowd too much religion into one day of the week, but we do not understand by that he was alluding to those who spend the Sabbath fishing.

Brooklyn Eagle: A religious meeting stoned by angered adherents of other sects in Plainfield, N. J., may convince pessimists that this old world is not advancing fast or far. Sometimes we brag too much about modern civilization. St. Louis Republic: The Ackerly exposure of quarrels and bickering over money matters among the Sunday forces will surprise no student of religious history. There is one thing that religious work cannot stand—and that is affluence. The history is all one way. The effect of too much financial prosperity on religious organizations is always either spiritual dry-rot within, along with eminent respectability without, or straight corruption. When religion grows financially profitable look out for an insurgent movement!

DOMESTIC PLEASANTIES. "Oh, doctor, I'm so glad you've come. We just had such a scare. We thought at first that the baby had swallowed a 35 gold piece." "And you found out that he hasn't?" "Yes, thank goodness, it's only a quarter." Boston Transcript. "Yes," said the artist, "I once lived in a little room on a top floor." "How nice!" exclaimed the girl who reads about the gay life. "Only one flight up to the roof garden!"—Washington Star.

"Pa suggested that in conducting our club paper, each should take a department with which she was most familiar." "Then, dear, wouldn't you like to have charge of its make-up?"—Baltimore American. "The Sultan—I want to speak to you about the light of the harem." "Grand Viceroy—the beautiful Fatima." "The Sultan—I want to speak to you about the light of the harem." "Grand Viceroy—the beautiful Fatima." "The Sultan—I want to speak to you about the light of the harem." "Grand Viceroy—the beautiful Fatima."

Mr. Jones had recently become the father of twins. The minister stopped him on the street to congratulate him. "Well, Jones," he said, "I hear that the Lord has smiled on you." "Smiled on me?" rejoined Jones. "He laughed out loud."—Ohio Farmer. "Now, don't talk too much when you go to call on our neighbor. You may answer questions, of course." "That is all I ever do," said the child. "And they ask a great many questions. Last time they asked how much salary papa got and if he ever quarreled with you."—Kansas City Journal.

INDEPENDENCE DAY. Minna Irving. From the shores of old Penobscot Where the ocean's roar is heard; To the palace and the vineyard. By the blue Pacific seas; From the rosy glow of morning To the pale moon overhead. Over all the land of freedom Is a flash of silver stars.

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